



## CHARITABLE GAMING BULLETIN - 2008 - NO. 7

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TO: All Charitable Gaming Organizations and Suppliers

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SUBJECT: Legislative Actions effective July 1, 2008

With the enactment of **HB 1280** and **SB 199** by the 2008 Virginia General Assembly, on July 1, the Department of Charitable Gaming (DCG) will be merged with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). While this merger will provide efficiencies for the management and operation of charitable gaming, as our clients you will see no change in the processes required for conducting charitable gaming. DCG will become the fourth division in VDACS and will be a stand-alone division. The Charitable Gaming Board will continue to operate as a policy advisor and promulgator of regulations for charitable gaming rules within VDACS. For the foreseeable future the staff of Charitable Gaming will remain in their current locations (Richmond and Norfolk offices). Therefore, all telephone numbers, e-mail, mailing, and web-site addresses remain the same.

We look forward to working with VDACS Commissioner Haymore and his staff in the coming months, and welcome the opportunity this merger will afford for improving the services provided to charitable gaming clients.

There is one item of importance regarding this merger; checks made payable to the *Department of Charitable Gaming* will no longer be acceptable after June 27 (received in this office). **All checks must be written to the Treasurer of Virginia.**

The other legislative action impacting charitable gaming on July 1 is the General Assembly authorized **HB 134**; the selling and separate accounting of jackpot bingo paper that is part of an admission pack and/or game pack. In addition, an organization can continue its current practices in selling and accounting of jackpot bingo paper separate from an admission pack and/or game pack as long as such practices are currently in compliance with applicable statutes and regulations.

The specifics for this action are as follows:

Prior to rendering a decision regarding the selling of jackpot bingo paper as part of an admission pack and/or game pack during the bingo session, please fully evaluate its financial affects on the organization's charitable gaming operations. If the determination is made by your organization that the selling of jackpot bingo paper as part of an admission pack and/or game pack will have positive financial affects on its charitable gaming operations, then the following requirements will apply:

- The price and configuration of the jackpot bingo paper will need to be listed separately from the price and configuration of the admission pack and/or game pack that contains the jackpot bingo paper on the game program;
- The jackpot bingo paper can only be used to play the jackpot bingo game;
- Enclosed for review is the revised instructions for the bingo admission reconciliation form (Form 104-A) regarding how to separately account for the jackpot bingo paper that is sold as part of an admission pack and/or game pack;
- The electronic summary issued by the supplier will continue to separately account for the selling of the electronic facsimiles of jackpot bingo paper that have been loaded into the electronic bingo devices;
- The receipts generated by the selling of an electronic bingo device and provided to a player will continue to separately account for the selling of the electronic facsimiles of jackpot bingo paper that has been loaded into the electronic bingo device;
- The price and the configuration of the electronic facsimiles of jackpot bingo paper (i.e. number of cards) that are available for purchase in the electronic bingo device will continue to be listed separately on the game program; and
- The jackpot bingo game can be played at anytime during the permitted bingo session.